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25 November 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: Bureau Chiefs
FROM: Chief, FBIS
SUBJECT: Letter of Information

GENERAL

1. [redacted] FBIS members of the African Bureau advance party, arrived in Nigeria 20 October. The third member of the party, Mr. Richard Morse, FBO, Department of State, arrived in Nigeria on 11 November. [redacted] 50X1
2. A comparative reception check between Key West, ECB, WCB, and Panama Post indicated that Key West has limited coverage potential except for Cuba, because of local interference and other factors. Investigation of the coverage potential of the Panama Post continues. [redacted] 50X1
3. The fourth, fifth and sixth compilations of foreign radio and press comment on the U.S. election campaign were submitted to the Director for issuance to the candidates. [redacted] 50X1
4. As an initial step in FBIS' efforts to determine the feasibility of monitoring Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk television from northern Hokkaido, a request was made to have the Air Force Security Squadron at Wakkanai, Japan, conduct reception tests. No reply has been received. [redacted] 50X1
5. A special memorandum reporting foreign radio and press treatment of the unsuccessful launching of the U.S. "Samos" satellite was prepared for the Operations Coordinating Board using field roundups for sources. [redacted] 50X1
6. Of 295 items included in OCI's Current Intelligence Digest during October, 77 (26.1 percent) were based wholly or in part on FBIS monitoring. [redacted] 50X1
7. All bureaus are reminded that any monitored item mentioning Central Intelligence Agency or Allen Dulles should be processed and filed to Headquarters. [redacted] 50X1

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Propaganda Analysis Comment [redacted]

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1. Radio Propaganda Reports issued in October (Responsible analyst indicated in parentheses):

a. "Soviet Slogans for the 43d October Revolution Anniversary," in the semianual series of reports on the CPSU's May Day and October slogans [redacted]

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b. "The 'Rightist' Opposition to the CPR's Small Blast Furnace Policy," a case study of Peking's late-1959 propaganda campaign against "right opportunism," responding to an OCI requirement [redacted]

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2. Propaganda Analysis Items on the FBIS Wire in October: (responsible analyst indicated in parentheses):

a. "Khrushchev Repeats Warning that Increase of Nuclear Powers Will Make Disarmament Agreement More Difficult" [redacted]

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b. "Highlights of the CPSU Slogans for the October Revolution Anniversary" [redacted]

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c. "Khrushchev's Claim of Nuclear Submarine Capability" [redacted]

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d. "Peking Fails to Publicize Mid-October Issue of RED FLAG" [redacted]

e. "Soviet Media Mention Khrushchev's Health in Connection with U.N. Activities" [redacted]

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3. RPB Special Reports and Services:

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a. At OCI request, analyst [redacted] assisted representatives of OCI and the Guided Missiles Division, OSI in preparing a briefing for the Director, for delivery to the NSC, on the Soviet Propaganda buildup in September for a spectacular space achievement that failed to materialize. [redacted]

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b. At the request of the Chief, FE Division, DD/P, Soviet, Chinese Communist, and North Vietnamese propaganda was examined for statements indicating a threat of communist aggression against Laos. The results were reported in a memorandum. [redacted]

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c. A special report on "Peking Radio's 'Song of the Week' Program," prepared by West Coast Bureau editor [redacted] was distributed to selected offices concerned with counterpropaganda and psychological warfare.

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4. The following are among Radio Propaganda Reports projected or under consideration for publication within the next few months (responsible analyst indicated in parentheses):

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- a. Soviet propaganda on legal aspects of outer-space exploration and use of reconnaissance satellites, in response to a request from the State Department's Legal Adviser [] 50X1
- b. Quarterly report on Soviet outer-space projects and programming, for the Guided Missiles Division, OSI [] 50X1
- c. Replacement of Chief Editors of key Soviet journals [] 50X1
- d. The current Soviet concept of collegial leadership [] 50X1
- e. Contrasting Soviet and Chinese views on national liberation movements [] 50X1
- f. Opposition in the Chinese Communist Party to the commune program, in response to a standing OSI requirement [] 50X1
- g. Chinese military doctrine: contradictions between modernization and Mao's traditional concepts [] 50X1
- h. Latin America in Soviet and Chinese Communist propaganda [] 50X1

5. All bureaus monitoring communist bloc materials are advised of a continuing interest in discussions of civil defense training in the USSR and other bloc countries. Although FDD has taken over the requirement for semiannual reporting on Soviet civil defense training, which is dealt with primarily in the specialized press organs of the paramilitary society DOSAFF, RPB will continue to watch the radio propaganda for any indications of increased attention to the subject in the mass propaganda media. Interest continues to be focused on the Soviet regional radios in this regard.

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Editorial Branch Comment

General

1. Two supplements to the Far East Daily Report were issued in October, one covering Le Duan's speech to the Vietnam Workers Party national congress and one on the congress' report on the amendments to the party statutes.

2. Direct dissemination of raw teletype copy, while relatively small in volume within the over-all FBIS distribution, represents an important service to a broad variety of consumers. To insure the smooth flow of material through this channel, field bureau editors are requested to review periodically the current list of continuing requirements for raw-copy distribution and to insure that required items are appropriately slugged for internal headquarters routing. Under the new procedure, all items on the continuing requirements list previously slugged "COPY TO " should now be directed "COPY TO LIAISON."

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3. The combined Soviet and East Europe Roundup has proved to be a much more useful product than the former individual reports. A statement setting forth additional guidance to be followed in writing this roundup, plus the requirements of the major consumers who utilize it, will appear in a forthcoming revision of the Editorial Handbook.

4. "Obviously erroneous, illogical, or inconsistent elements in copy, even when confirmed from repeat transmissions, should be pinpointed by an editor's note: (AS HEARD) for voice material, (AS RECEIVED) for press transmissions, and (AS PUBLISHED) for press scrutiny." This statement, extracted from the Editorial Handbook, does not give editors carte blanche to file copy which contains poorly translated material with the bracketed justification that this is the way it was heard. If copy is not understood at the source, it should not be filed with the crutch: (AS HEARD). A recent example of this is:

THE UNIFICATION OF VOLUMETRICAL PLANNED DECISIONS AND PARAMETERS
BASED ON THE UNIFIED SYSTEM OF DERIVATIVE MODULES IN PREMISES AND
EQUIPMENT USED FOR LIVESTOCK BREEDING (AS HEARD).

5. As an aid in sorting copy in headquarters, bureaus are requested to insert the same key words in the lead take of a multitake item as appear in the abbreviated logos of subsequent adds.. This should appear under the logo on the lead take:

(FIRST OF FOUR TAKES--BALLISTIC MISSILE DEVELOPMENT)

6. Bureaus filing low-level Soviet bloc regional copy and minor economic items which are too long for economic abstracts should insure that this material bears the flag USSR ONLY or EAST EUROPE ONLY so that

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copies may be given special distribution when Daily Report publication space is not available.

7. Material from Sino-Soviet bloc sources which includes statements made to those sources by U.S. citizens should bear the flag COPY TO LIAISON.

8. A review of the standing requirements on bloc "leader" speeches has been undertaken with a view to cutting back the heavy file from some bureaus. The initial investigation is being made into East German material. One byproduct of this project has been reduction of requirements for filing military leaders' speeches and articles. Bureaus have been informed of the new criteria by separate memoranda.

9. Bureaus are asked to make special note of the text of the Soviet October Revolution slogans as carried in the October 13 USSR and East Europe Daily Report. These contain the agreed translations of many of the stock ideological phrases which appear in many bloc items. The RPB analysis of the slogans, which was published the following day, should also be saved for future reference, especially for its glossary of key Russian words.

10. The following versions are preferred: German Federal Republic (not Federal German Republic), Yugoslav Socialist Alliance (not Federation) U. N. General Assembly (not UNGA), collective farm worker and state farm worker (not kolkhoznik and sovkhoznik).

11. Copy from the new BBC station at Nairobi, Kenya, is now being filed to headquarters by London Bureau with the identifying letter "K" for Kenya. London Bureau editors are asked to differentiate between London-monitored African copy (designated "L") and copy selected from the Nairobi station (designated "K/L"). Copy filed by the FBIS station at Kaduna will carry the designator "N" for Nigeria and will be relayed directly to Washington by the FBIS wire room at Caversham.

London Bureau

Preliminary results indicate that the DPA file now being handled by the London Bureau is well tailored to Daily Report needs. However, it might be expanded slightly in the area of West German political material.

Far East Bureaus

In copy dealing with Laos, the Daily Report has adopted the practice of using the first element of a proper name to modify an accompanying noun (e.g. "Souvanna government," "Phoumi clique").

Mediterranean Bureau

A high percentage of Mediterranean Bureau's Middle East copy is being published by the Daily Report, reflecting credit on the bureau's selection criteria.

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Engineering and Field Operations

1. At BBC request, coverage of the Moscow German programs which had been assigned to the German Bureau in lieu of DPA coverage was returned to BBC. The Bureau still retains two hours per day of Moscow German coverage.

2. The four volumes of the 1960 edition of "Broadcasting Stations of the World" were received from the U. S. Government Printing Office and mailed to the various bureaus and clients. The GPO has placed the books on sale to the general public at \$7.75 per set.

3. Bureaus relying on STARCOM (formerly ACAN) common user communications channels should use priority precedence on messages advising other bureaus of special coverage upcoming within the next 12 hours.

4. To standardize logograph usage throughout the division Field Operations Staff, in coordination with the branches concerned, issued revised international and clandestine broadcast logographs during the month.

5. Radio Peking changed its schedule in early October, adding two Portuguese transmissions and one English transmission for Africa, and a Hindi broadcast for India. Peking's total weekly international output was raised from 511 hours to 539 hours.

6. Radio Moscow changed to its fall/winter schedule of international broadcasts on 27 October. Changes in output are minor, most changes being in retiming of programs and in frequency alterations to meet seasonal requirements.

7. Construction - Okinawa.

... The project for bedroom additions to four duplexes and replacement of windows in the BOQ was 62 percent complete on 31 October, and the addition to the operations building was 20 percent complete.

Administration

1. Bureau Chiefs and other personnel are reminded to use the correct names of FBIS bureaus and posts in official correspondence. Common errors are: "Frankfurt Bureau" instead of German Bureau; "Vienna Bureau" instead of Austrian Bureau; and "Cyprus Bureau" instead of Mediterranean Bureau.

2. [redacted] of the BBC visited FBIS headquarters, the West Coast, Tokyo, Hokkaido, Okinawa, and Saigon Bureaus before returning to London.

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3. [] analyst, RPB made official visits to the London, German, Austrian and Mediterranean Bureaus from 12 September - 6 October for the purpose of orientation and coordination of RPB requirements. STAT

4. [] of the Headquarters Administrative Staff visited the London, German and Austrian Bureaus during the period 25 September - 15 October to establish financial property accountability at each bureau; to review administrative procedures and records; and for orientation in bureau operations. STAT

5. [] Spanish monitor, was briefed in headquarters for one week prior to departing for the Key West Post, where he replaced [] early in November. STAT
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6. [] Mediterranean Bureau Ukrainian Monitor, who was on leave in the United States, visited headquarters 10 October. [] was briefed on various phases of FBIS operations in Washington and talked with RPB and Editorial Branch personnel. STAT
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7. Type II Financial Property Accountability was established at the Saigon, Tokyo, Hokkaido, London, German, Austrian, and Mediterranean Bureaus, and opening inventory dollar reports have been forwarded to the Office of Logistics.

8. Personnel making claims under the Major Medical portion of the new GEHA contract must comply with the following requirements:

a. \$100 in bills (comprised of office visits, prescriptions, medicines, etc.) must have been accrued for one individual since 10 July 1960. These bills must be submitted to the Insurance Branch before they will pay anything under the Major Medical portion of the contract.

b. Prescriptions: In order to submit a claim for a prescription and to substantiate it as part of the \$100 deductible clause, the following information must be given:

- (1) Doctor's name.
- (2) Patient's name.
- (3) Date of prescription and amount of charge.
- (4) Cash register receipt.

The above information can be obtained from the prescription slip on the bottle of medicine. This slip should be submitted to the Insurance Branch along with the cash register slip. If it is impossible to submit the prescription slip, a statement from the drug store, giving the above information, may be submitted in lieu thereof.

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c. Doctor's Bills: Doctor's bills must state the following information:

- (1) Charge per visit.
- (2) Name of patient.
- (3) Name of doctor.
- (4) Date of charge.

d. Once the \$100 deductible clause has been satisfied, bills may be submitted as incurred for any amount. These bills are to be submitted with a regular claim form (No. 1618) to the Insurance Branch.

9. Bureaus are reminded that unless air freight shipments are consigned through the U.S. Despatch Agent, considerable inconvenience will result because the employee will be required to secure a release from the airline and personally clear the air freight through the closest customs office.

10. In FY 1961 the Organization hopes to raise its adoption rate for suggestion awards and exceed the Government average of 25%. All supervisors are enjoined to encourage participation in the program. STAT
 outlines the appropriate procedure. Suggestions by both U.S. STAT citizen and alien employees are eligible for consideration.

11. The major remaining phase of the Dependent Medical Program, the medical evaluation of dependents returning to Headquarters from overseas posts, is now being put into effect. Since April 1958, dependents accompanying employees overseas have been medically evaluated before departure and, in the case of dependents proceeding to certain areas, actual physical examinations have been required. Under the new program, an employee, upon arrival at Headquarters or West Coast Bureau after overseas assignment must submit a Report of Medical History (Standard Form 89) on each dependent returning with him. These reports will be reviewed by the Medical Staff, and used to determine whether physical examinations are desirable, particularly in the following instances:

a. When the dependent is returning from one of the overseas areas for which physical examination is required on assignment.

b. When the health of the dependent is doubtful.

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12. The following FBIS regulatory issuances were released during the month of October:

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PERSONNEL CHANGES

1. New Employees

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Teletypist
ECB

Secretary
RPB

Teletypist
WCB

Teletypist
Editorial Br.

Monitor
WCB

Teletypist
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2. Reassignments

From

Editor
London Bureau

To

Chief, U.S. Liaison Section
Editorial Branch
London Bureau

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<u>Reassignments (Con'd)</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	STAT
<div></div>	Chief Austrian Bureau	Deputy Chief Okinawa Bureau	
	Editor London Bureau	Senior Editor West Coast Bureau	
	Chief, USSR & EE Section Editorial Branch	Chief German Bureau	
	Editor German Bureau	Editor, ME, WE, LA Section Editorial Branch	
	Editor Editorial Branch	Editor German Bureau	

3. Separations

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